



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, March 9, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Public Works

Conference Room

Call to Order

Roll Call

Adopt Agenda

Approval of January 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Old Business

New Business

1. Coon Creek Regional Trail Master Plan
2. Parks Bond Trail Prioritization

Other Business

3. Parks Bond Project Updates

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Meeting Date: 03/09/2015

SUBJECT: Approval of January 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Attachments

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COON RAPIDS PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order on January 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Members Present: Chair Tim Arntson, Commissioners Mike Jacobson, Neal Livermore, Ryan McAlpine (arrived 6:42 p.m.), and Gen Sand

Members Absent: Commissioner John Angell

Also Present: Gregg Engle, Parks Supervisor
Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

ROLL CALL

Parks Supervisor Gregg Engle acknowledged the roll call.

1. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 12, 2015 AGENDA

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JACOBSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAND, TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 12, 2015 AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JACOBSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAND, TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 8, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED. LIVERMORE ABSTAINED

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Park Project Updates

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson provided the following update:

Coon Rapids Blvd Trail – The Trail from the Coon Rapids/Anoka border east to Egret and south to the Coon Rapids Regional Dam has been submitted for a grant. The City expects to hear on the grant process in late February to March.

Wilderness Trail – Engineering continues to work with Anoka County on this project. Wetland credits are being purchased and the project should be ready for bid in February.

85th Avenue Trail – The project preparations continue to move forward and engineering is working with the County on plans and the moving of utilities as needed. Parks Superintendent Engle noted grading is an issue.

Bison Park Connecting Trail – The City has received the necessary easement from the sod farm for completion of the trail at Bison Park. The trail will go off the cul-de-sac off 127th Avenue. The trail will be 8 feet wide behind the adjacent empty lot. Staff would like Commission's support on doing this spring of 2015. Chair Arntson asked if there may be monies available for grants. Mr. Engle stated it may be possibly but may not happen.

Riverview Park – Gas and Electric has been connected to the building and construction of the building will continue through the winter months. The park is on schedule to be completed by July. Teen Center attendees may provide some help on some of the projects.

Commissioner Ryan McAlpine arrived at the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Sandcreek – Parks Superintendent Engle stated a meeting will be held Wednesday, January 14, 2015 regarding lighting. Staff is working with WSB on irrigation. The plan would require 6 ½ - 7 more hours per week on mowing maintenance. Different options will be researched. The existing building will be removed. A copy of the budget and bids received was provided for the Commission to review. Both State and National Contracts will be looked at for the playground equipment.

b. 4th of July Celebration

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson reviewed the City continues to work with the North Star Lions, Police and Fire on planning for the 2015 4th of July Celebration. Anoka Ramsey Community College has been included in the planning and staff will be reaching out to area businesses over the next months to answer questions and concerns for the three-day event. The hope is that businesses nearby will take advantage of the event. This will be a permanent move for the 4th of July Celebration and discussions are being held to move the Concert Series to the ice arena location also.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Hoover Park Updates

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson reviewed the Parks Commission and staff have identified Hoover Park as the next general fund update to be completed. This follows the recommendation to work from the center of the City out in redeveloping parks. Discussion will continue with the Commission. Costs will be obtained for improvements. A meeting with the School PTO and School Principal to discuss the park. The school district does the mowing and takes care of the irrigation. The City maintenance staff does

tree trimming, spraying of weeds, etc. Commissioner Livermore asked if a precedent will be set if the City maintains the track for a school. Most of the schools have agline tracks. A small shelter would be desired at Hoover if monies exist.

b. Recreation Updates

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson reviewed the Teen Center opened January 12, 2015. A new lead staff was hired who is new to the City. The assistant is Ryan, who has worked at the teen center for some time. Some programming will be done and an increase in community involvement for the teens. The Teen Center is open 5 days a week. Summer hours are tbd. Community Ed will continue to do district-wide programming. There are two yoga classes at the ice arena. A contract will be signed with AKA Sports to run a program out of the ice arena in the summer. They will pay the City \$1000 a week to use the ice arena space. Acceleration Sports is looking at using one of the training rooms at the ice arena and discussions continue. Warming houses are open. It was very difficult to get warming house attendants. Adult Softball was just posted this week. Community Garden registrations are starting to come in. There are 50 plots in three different sizes. Mr. Gunderson is starting to work on the farmer's market for the upcoming season.

c. Park Maintenance Updates

Park Superintendent Engle reviewed Peppermint Stick Park is completed except for renovation of the turf around the trail. Woodcrest bank re-establishment started last week with removal of buckthorn and some trees. The back of City Hall will be renovated with landscape and grills. Re-sealcoating of parking lot and trails will be done for Aspen Park (\$6,000), Wintercrest (\$7,663), Woodcrest (\$15,294), Al Flynn (\$53,837) (\$9,000), soccer complex (\$18,132), Woodview (\$3,700), Hoover (\$22,757), Lions Coon Creek (\$109,000), Nelson (\$12,000), and Parkside Park (\$34,000).

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson will contact Val Weaver regarding her interest in filling the open Park and Recreation Commission position.

Commissioner Livermore requested disc golf be discussed at a future meeting.

Commissioner McAlpine asked if there is open skating at the ice arena on days there is no school or can it be scheduled and he asked if the Teen Center could have extended hours on non-school days.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCALPINE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAND, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Wolfe
TimeSaver Secretarial



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1.

Meeting Date: 03/09/2015

Subject: Coon Creek Regional Trail Master Plan

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

INFORMATION:

Parks Planner, Karen Blaska from Anoka County Parks and Recreation will present the Coon Creek Regional Trail plan looking for feedback and input from the Commission.



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2.

Meeting Date: 03/09/2015

Subject: Parks Bond Trail Prioritization

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

INFORMATION:

Council and Staff seek the Park & Recreation Commission's recommendation in prioritizing the trail projects for the Parks Bond program.



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3.

Meeting Date: 03/09/2015

Subject: Parks Bond Project Updates

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

INFORMATION:

Staff will provide updates to the Parks and Trail projects currently in process.
